

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON RULES**

**Call to Order:** Chair Jeff Essmann, on January 26, 2017 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 455  
Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Jeff Essmann, Chair (R)  
Rep. Kimberly Dudik, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Kirk Wagoner, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)  
Rep. Seth Berglee (R)  
Rep. Alan Doane (R)  
Rep. Jennifer Eck (D)  
Rep. Ron Ehli (R)  
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)  
Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R)  
Rep. Theresa Manzella (R)  
Rep. Nate McConnell (D)  
Rep. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)  
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)  
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Rob Cook (R)  
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Todd Everts, Legislative Branch  
Sara Fleming, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

SJ1 Executive Action

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 1**

00:00:04     **Motion:** Rep. Wagoner moved that **SJ 1 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

00:01:11     Chair Essman

00:01:17     **Motion:** Rep. Wagoner moved that **SJ 1 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT**(ruh19a01)

**Discussion:**

00:01:48     Todd Everts, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:02:13     Chair Essman

00:02:45     **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Cook and Rep. Kelker  
voted by proxy.

00:03:14     **Motion:** Rep. G. Hertz moved that **SJ 1 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT**(ruh19a02)

**Discussion:**

00:03:42     Todd Everts, LSD

00:04:15     Rep. Hertz

00:04:58     Chair Essman

00:05:15     **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Cook and Rep. Kelker  
voted by proxy.

00:05:32     **Motion:** Rep. G. Hertz moved that **SJ 1 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT**(ruh19a03)

**Discussion:**

00:05:42     Todd Everts, LSD

00:06:52     Rep. Hertz

00:07:46     Vice Chair Dudik

00:08:03     Rep. Hertz

00:08:52     Rep. Woods

00:09:21     Rep. Hertz

00:10:07     Chair Essman

00:11:45     Vice Chair Dudik

00:12:31     Chair Essman

00:13:22     **Vote:** Motion carried 16-1 by voice vote with Rep. Bennett voting no. Rep. Cook  
and Rep. Kelker voted by proxy.

00:13:55     **Motion:** Rep. G. Hertz moved that **SJ 1 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT**(ruh19a04)

**Discussion:**

00:14:04 Todd Everts, LSD  
00:14:42 Rep. Hertz  
00:15:34 Chair Essman  
00:16:14 Rep. Eck  
00:16:36 Rep. Hertz  
00:17:02 Todd Everts, LSD  
00:17:24 Rep. Eck  
00:17:40 Chair Essman  
00:18:25 Rep. Woods  
00:19:13 Rep. Hertz  
00:19:26 Lindsey Vroedindewey, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives  
00:20:22 Chair Essman

00:20:52 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Cook and Rep. Kelker voted by proxy.

00:21:27 **Motion:** Rep. Dudik moved that **SJ 1 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(ruh19a05)**

**Discussion:**

00:21:40 Vice Chair Dudik  
00:22:57 Chair Essman  
00:23:29 Vice Chair Wagoner  
00:23:51 Vice Chair Dudik  
00:24:15 Rep. Hertz

00:24:54 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Bennett, Rep. Dudik, Rep. Eck, Rep. Kelker, Rep. McConnell, Rep. Stewart-Peregoy and Rep. Woods voting aye. Rep. Cook and Rep. Kelker voted by proxy.

00:26:36 **Motion:** Rep. Eck moved that **SJ 1 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(ruh19a06)**

**Discussion:**

00:26:38 Rep. Eck  
00:28:02 Vice Chair Wagoner  
00:29:08 Rep. Bennett  
00:31:14 Vice Chair Wagoner  
00:32:29 Rep. Eck  
00:33:35 Vice Chair Dudik  
00:34:25 Chair Essman  
00:36:49 Rep. Woods  
00:37:24 Chair Essman  
00:38:28 Rep. Hertz  
00:39:37 Rep. McConnell

00:41:08 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Bennett, Rep. Dudik, Rep. Eck, Rep. Kelker, Rep. McConnell, Rep. Stewart-Peregoy and Rep. Woods voting aye. Rep. Cook and Rep. Kelker voted by proxy.

00:42:27     **Motion:** Rep. Wagoner moved that **SJ 1 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:42:42     Rep. Eck

00:43:21     **Vote:** Motion carried 10-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Bennett, Rep. Dudik, Rep. Eck, Rep. Kelker, Rep. McConnell, Rep. Stewart-Peregoy and Rep. Woods voting no. Rep. Cook and Rep. Kelker voted by proxy. Rep. Essmann will carry the bill.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 00:45:21

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Sara Fleming, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([ruh19aad.pdf](#))